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TITLE OF INVENTION: DISK DRIVE EMPLOYING A DISK WITH A PRISTINE AREA FOR STORING ENCRYPTED DATA ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY TRUSTED DEVICES OR CLIENTS TO FACILITATE SECURE NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS

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	<b>ART UNIT</b>	2134
	<b>CONFIRMATION NO.</b>	5608
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2. Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (1 page)

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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

The examiner's reasons for allowance were authored unilaterally by the examiner and may be over inclusive or under inclusive. As such, they should not be considered as an admission by the applicant. Different or other reasons for allowance may be apparent from the record in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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